

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 10, 2017.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of town.

ALSO PRESENT were Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt resident Bobby Turner and former Greenbelt residents Winifred Kemble Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Lowry and retired Maryland Court of Appeals Judge Howard S. Chasanow. Ms. Pope then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Ms. Pope that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, February 8, 2017

Regular Meeting, February 27, 2017

Special Meeting, March 27, 2017

Regular Meeting, March 27, 2017

Interview, April 3, 2017

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Advisory Planning Board, Report #2017-01 (Greenbelt Town Center and Metro Garage Pre Application #DSP-16063): Council accepted this report which will be considered later in the agenda under Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063) Greenbelt Station North Core Greenbelt Town Center Metro Garage.

Appointment to Advisory Group: Council appointed Brandon Gordon to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Earth Day Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation in recognition of Earth Day. Erin Josephitis, the City's Environmental Coordinator, received the proclamation

and provided an overview of this year's Earth Day plans.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan issued a proclamation in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Communications Supervisor Alicia Williams and Communications Specialists Marcia Brown, Reashawn Prince and Jordan Ford received the proclamation. Sgt. Tim White also recognized Communications Specialists Jessica Houle, Maria Auchter, Michael Halpert, Sarah Gignac and Samantha Loncon who were unable to be present.

#### PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, asked about past executive sessions of Council and a memorial for lost trees.

MINUTES: None

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Ms. Ard announced several upcoming events including the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, Egg Hunt at Buddy Attick Park, Underwater Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Skate Series at Springhill Lake and the Franklin Park Community Spring Fling. She also provided an update on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission work in Roosevelt Center and in Lakeside.

Mayor Jordan mentioned the Lady Angels Basketball Game at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Ms. Davis expressed concern about the health of the Bradford Pear trees on Hanover Parkway. Ms. Ard will forward the concern to Public Works staff.

#### LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance to Amend Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 4 "Buildings and Building Regulations," Article III "Property Maintenance Code," Division 7 "Fire Safety Requirements" to Amend Section 4-266 "Smoke Alarms" to Incorporate State Law Requirements and to Add Subdivision 8 "Carbon Monoxide Detectors" to Require Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Certain Dwelling Units

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for first reading.

An Ordinance to Amend Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 4 "Buildings and Building Regulations," Article III "Property Maintenance Code," to Add Section 4-149.5 "Window Guards"

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the ordinance for first reading.

Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development, advised that Prince George's County does not have any legislation requiring window guard devices.

Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063) Greenbelt Station North Core Greenbelt Town Center Metro Garage

Ms. Bellah explained that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) referred the Greenbelt Town Center Metro Garage Detailed Site Plan (DSP-16063) to the City for review and comment. She said this project is being reviewed as an expedited Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project and this DSP is for Infrastructure and the Metro Garage building and it will be reviewed at the Planning Board level and a hearing date has been set for April 27, 2017.

Ms. Bellah said the Greenbelt Town Center Metro Garage project proposes redevelopment of the existing Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot, Kiss & Ride, and bus loop to accommodate a private Transit Oriented Development mixed use project and a large parcel capable of supporting a Federal General Services Administration facility such as the FBI headquarters. She noted that the DSP under review proposes the general site layout of future building development, a new road system, and a Metro parking garage.

Ms. Bellah said planning staff has reviewed the referral package for DSP-16063 which is only for approval of the Metro Parking Garage and infrastructure. She said the County's environmental section is recommending the trails be eliminated from the DSP approval at this time and be revisited during another DSP review. Ms. Bellah then explained the DSP plans, along with the recommended conditions of approval identified in staff's technical report dated April 10, 2017. She said planning staff has met with Renard Development and Renard Development has agreed to the recommended conditions of approval.

Garth Beall, Renard Development, explained that this DSP is to approve the layout for the Metro Garage and infrastructure only and it is only one of five or six DSP's that will require approval throughout the process. He said this DSP will be followed by DSP's with specific plans for buildings and stormwater management.

Mr. Beall emphasized that it does not say the trails can't be built, only that more study is needed on the proposed trails, as well as the stormwater management, before being reviewed at a later time.

Mr. Roberts expressed concern about the north-south connector road that he believes will overwhelm the Greenbelt Station community with traffic. He said unless this road is removed, he cannot support the DSP. Mr. Beall said they have reviewed traffic studies and do not feel that the north-south connector road will be a problem.

Ms. Bellah said City planning staff will be meeting with County planning staff and will be present to represent the City at the hearing scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Ms. Bellah said the tree and landscaping plans are approved as part of the DSP.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve DSP-16063 for Greenbelt Station North Core Greenbelt Town Center Metro Garage subject to conditions of approval detailed in staff's technical report dated April 10, 2017. Mr. Putens seconded.

Mr. Putens suggested including removal of the southern trail from the plans. Ms. Bellah said the trail will be removed from the plans as part of this DSP and Greenbelt can go on the record supporting its removal. Ms. Bellah further explained that if a separate DSP is submitted for the trail, Council can further discuss the trail in a separate process.

The motion passed 5-1. (Roberts)

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: Council noted their attendance at the following events.

Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Planning Board Meeting – Mr. Herling  
Central Maryland Transportation and Mobility Commission and Partners Meeting – Ms. Davis  
Greenbelt Business Coffee – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling and Ms. Mach  
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Celebration at Martin's Crosswinds – Mayor Jordan and Ms. Davis  
Greenbelt Elementary School Spring Fair – Ms. Davis  
Maryland Municipal League Legislative Committee Conference Call – Ms. Davis  
Greenbelt Arbor Day – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling  
COG Task Force on Bylaw Review – Mayor Jordan

COUNCIL REPORTS: Ms. Davis reported on the Blue Ribbon Commission Report on addressing Prince George's County's Structural Deficit.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, April 10, 2017, at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held April 10, 2017.

Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor

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